(c) and (d) Although globalisation has exposed'the Indian SSI sector to greater competition, the sector has resilience to withstand competition. The Government is constantly monitoring the impact of globalisation and WTO arrangements on the economy including the SSIs and has put in several measures to safeguard the interest of domestic industry and to make them competitive both domestically and globally. These include special focus on areas such as technology upgradation, infrastructure assistance through cluster approach, enhanced fiscal support, timely availability of credit, adoption of modern management facilities, use of electronic infrastructure and other IT applications to face the emerging challenges of trade liberalisation. Protection to these industries is available in the form of raising customs duties up to the bound levels, imposing antidumping duties and countervailing duties, taking safeguard measures in case of surge in imports etc. An inter-ministerial group under the chairmanship of Commerce Secretary has been constituted to assess the impact of removal of quantitative restrictions and suggest suitable corrective measures. A comprehensive policy package for the promotion and development of small scale industries and to enhance its competitiveness, both domestically and globally, was announced by the Prime Minister on 30th August, 2000. The policy package consists of enhanced fiscal £nd credit support, better infrastructure and marketing facilities and incentives for technology development.

Relief to SSI from BIFR

4651. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount blocked in the small scale industries, Bank-wise;

(b) the number of the small scale industries referred to BIFR;

(c) what relief small scale industries have got from BIFR for last three years; and

(d) the number of people employed in the small scale sector as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) As intimated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Bank-wise details of the amount blocked against sick Small Scale Industries, as on 31st March, 2001, are given in the Statement. *{See* below)

(b) and (c) The Small Scale Industries do not come under the purview of BIFR;

(d) The estimated number of people employed in the small-scale sector as on 31st March, 2001 is 185.64 lakhs. '.

Statement

Bank-wise details of the amount outstanding in sick small industries

(in Rs. Crore)

Names of the Banks	Amount
State Bank of India Group	1339.01
Allahabad Bank	122.39
Andhra Bank	28.63
Bank of Baroda	327.12
Bank of India	215.97
Bank of Maharashtra	86.46
Canara Bank	242.89
Central Bank of India	126.49
Corporation Bank	7.43
Dena Bank	234.29
Indian Bank	217.16
Indian Overseas Bank	138.61
Oriental Bank of Commerce	0.80
Punjab & Sind Bank	19.78
Punjab National Bank	104.24
Syndicate Bank	103.76
UCO Bank	205.84
Union Bank of India	255.77
United Bank of India	271.66
Vijaya Bank	28.32
Private Sector Banks	365.11
Foreign Banks	63.82
TOTAL	4505.54